

Magic Lantern Society of the United States and Canada





LOOK for those Buttons and roll-over effects



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MLS Convention 2020

The Magic Lantern Society of the US and Canada will hold its 19th International Convention and celebrate its 40th anniversary in Cleveland OH on June 11-14, 2020. The convention theme is "Forty Years of the Magic Lantern Society - Looking Back and Looking Forward" – featuring the best of the society's 40 years and looking forward to the next 40 years. Where do magic lanterns go in the next 40 years? Find out - mark your calendar now, and plan to attend!

We're planning a range of events, including performances, workshops, academic presentations, exhibitions, poster sessions and tours. We are especially seeking participation from students and newcomers to the society, and encouraging performances using Magic Lanterns, shadow puppets, projection mapping and related performances involved in light and shadow work. Proposals are due December 1, 2019 but can be submitted at any time to briandrogers@gmail.com. Here's what we have in the pipeline:

Presentations on magic lantern topics

Sliding into the Present:

Four Contemporary Artists Re-Imagining the Magic Lantern.

Joel Schlemowitz will present a lecture, with video excerpts, surveying the work of four artists who have used the magic lantern as the basis for contemporary projection-based projects: filmmaker Ken Jacobs, animator and lanternist Melissa Ferrari, multi-media artist Yarre Stooker, and the presenter, filmmaker and lanternist Joel Schlemowitz.

Buckeye Stereopticon.

Ron Easterday will tell the story of the Buckeye Company, based in Cleveland and demonstrate the Little Buckeye magic lantern projector with Cleveland and Ohio slides. If you have Cleveland or Ohio slides you wish to add to this presentation, please contact Ron.

Awaiting details:

Hurdy Gurdy and the Magic Lantern. Joanna Chesnut Yellowstone Seen through the Magic Lantern. Bob Bennett Arctic Exploration and the Magic Lantern. Brian Rogers The Heart Booklet. Sue Hall The Fly. Sue Hall Rally Round the Flag. Ron Easterday

Information sessions about using magic lanterns

Limelight and other illuminants.

Lindsay Lambert will give a demonstration of limelight, acetylene and carbon arc illuminants.

Repairing lantern slides.

Lindsay Lambert will provide a seminar on the care, re-binding and repair of lantern slides, including mechanical slides and the re-stringing of pulley types. He will present information about blacking backgrounds and colour touch-up, demonstrate materials and how to obtain them, describe principles and techniques, and address individual questions.

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Secrets of Success in a Magic Lantern Performance.

Terry Borton will reprise his 2010

Powerpoint presentation concentrating on the nitty-gritty, like a rock solid table so the image doesn't shake on screen, slides numbered so you don't lose track, and in a box so you don't drop them, etc.

Master class.

Terry Borton will schedule one-on-one opportunities for members to work on and be coached on their skills, looking at such issues as vocal habits, drama coaching, physical stance, etc. Each roughly 20-minute coaching session will be private; members who wish to then make a presentation to the larger audience will be given a chance to do so. Members will need to sign up in advance for the Master class.

Performances

Love is in the Air.

Mark and Beth Ayers' performance is set in 1896. It features a variety of authentic slides to describe several instances of love, some with comedic elements. It includes a selection of slides that feature "Jack and Angelina" as they fall in love, marry and honeymoon.

Transition slides lead into a telling of "Curfew Must Not Ring Tonight." The performance is accompanied with music using the hammered dulcimer.

Once in a Blue Moon.

John Schroeder from the Institute for Industrial Art and History in North Andover MA will present a show based on their sets of 19th century astronomical slides.

Member Participation

Arresting Images.

Do you have slides that just wow you, intrigue you, or make you wish you knew the backstory? Here's a chance to share them. Bring up to 5 slides to show in a group-participatory session. You'll have a moment to explain what affects you about each. Inexpensive slides only, please (and if we have too many participants, we may have to reduce the number of slides per person).

Other Convention activities

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

On Thursday, we've tentatively scheduled a tour of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Magic Lantern Auction.

On Sunday, our biennial Magic Lantern Society auction, with goods galore.

Magic Lantern Sales Tables.

Slides, lanterns, books, ephemera and more – bring something to sell and take more home with you!

Good food, good company, and more! Be there!

UVA Lantern Slides



From Chrissi Wood-Smith

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I thought you might be interested in a collection we have recently scanned. We obtained the UVA collection several years ago and thanks to a grant from the USGS we were able to scan, preserve and share these images. We only scanned original material for Virginia, so none of the teaching materials or the images found in a book.

We even have a working Magic Lantern Slide projector!

This collection includes historic 35mm slides and photographs as well, but all the files with "LS" are the lanterns. A little over 800 slides were scanned.

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Hi Chrissi

What a historically valuable resource, and well done for being able to scan them. Thank you for sharing. We will share your link with our members.

David Evans Secretary Magic Lantern Society of US & Canada





Oak Slide Cabinet



From Leslie Wilson

l.wilson240@gmail.com

I have a magic lantern slide cabinet about as big as the top of a Hoosier cabinet. Made by Mohler or Moehler, can't remember. Do you have any idea where I could sell it to reach the right collectors market? It's solid oak, heavy I live in south Pennsylvania if that helps.

From David Evans

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Thank you for contacting us. It is Moler, actually. Patented in 1910. As you say, very heavy. I have one - stores up to about 1000 slides

We can add it to our next E-Publication (October) and hope someone in your area has a need for it. They are fine cabinets.

I suggest we put 'open to offers'. Hard to say what the value might be, as shipping or transport costs would be high. I guess in the hundreds, but not really sure.

Thanks.

David



Collection of 400 lantern slides and 100 children's slides





Various content: Oregon History, England and Europe. USA travel. 4 wooden slotted slide boxes included.



About 100 2"x 7 to 10" long Kids and clowns.

I purchased these slides at a auction in Renton about 10 years ago. I paid a total of \$ 350. I would accept an offer of \$200 plus shipping costs.

Thank You,
Bob Noftsger
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E MAIL elfsunny@aol.com

Magic Lantern

From Clayton Dougan

claytondougan@icloud.com

Dear David.

Thank you for your kind and helpful note and for your willingness to help me.

The slides are 3 1/4" square. You will see an example of one in one of the pictures. I have several boxes containing hundreds of slides. I also have a box containing spare bulbs etc.

I will appreciate your guidance re a suggested price if you think it is sellable. Could it be put up for auction?

Best regards, Clayton. Victoria, B.C., V8N 1L5 claytondougan@shaw.ca.

Hi David,

Sorry I have not been in touch for a while. We have been away a couple of times.

I have been in touch with Lunds the auctioneers here in Victoria and they are interested in the "Magic Lantern". May I have your advice please? Would this be a good route to take and if so what kind or



Hi David,

Just thought I would let you know that my projector sold in Lunds Collectibles sale for over \$200 and I get a cheque for \$180.00.

Thank you again for your interest and helpful advice.

Best regards,

Clayton.

Panorama Slides

From Tom Rall

marketflea@aol.com

Hi David,

Just a note to thank you and Larry for publishing Tom Jacobson's exchange with you about the panoramic slides in the newsletter.

Thankfully, I opened the newsletter promptly and followed the link to his ebay listing and was able to negotiate a purchase. As you know, I've been collecting and dealing photographic slides for many years and believe the panoramic format is quite rare. I have a few European ones that member Bryan Ginn handled some time ago; but those are all B&W and this batch is the first colored ones I've seen.

So, for research, I'd appreciate it if you and other members could add to the discussion of the genre. Specifically, I'd appreciate it very much if you could send me copies of the 1894 Rau catalogue that lists panoramas among the Egyptian views. I have a copy of an earlier, circa 1890, one that does not list any panoramas.

I do think the Rau attribution is probably correct. I've accumulated a bit of information on his career and



there is mention of his making panorama photographs of the Gettysburg battlefield in 1890 and displaying panoramas at The Photographic Society of Philadelphia in 1895. Earlier, in 1881-2 he toured the Middle East with E.L. Wilson, who later published 700+stereo views and lantern slides from the trip. I've found no mention of panoramic photos being taken during that visit.

I believe Rau took a second photographic junket to Egypt, but I am unsure of the exact dates at this point. But probably that second trip would be the most likely source of the negatives for the slides now, gratefully, in my possession. I'll do some other follow up and let members know what I find.

And thanks for the help.

Tom



Wanted

Information regarding the Buckeye Stereopticon Company of Cleveland, OH for use at the 2020 Convention, especially catalog(s), slides sold/manufactured by the Company, lanterns (other than the mirroscope) or early slides of Cleveland that could be borrowed for the Convention

best regards,

Ron Easterday

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I have a Magic Lantern - J F Trade Mark

From George Smith

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Apparently it was made in Germany. How do I find a Value and a Buyer for it?

George

From David Evans

Hello George

Johann Falk of Nuremberg I think you will find.

They made a range of different lanterns perhaps a look at eBay may give you an idea or two.

Our Society does not do appraisals as such, but suggest that course of action.

Thanks for contacting us.

David Evans Secretary Magic Lantern Society of US & Canada

Conference Conservatoire des Techniques

From Laurent Mannoni

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Resumption of the Conferences of the Conservatoire des techniques, French Cinematheque, 51 rue de Bercy Paris 12th

Full cycle program attached

Friday, October 4, 2:30 pm,

Henri Langlois Room

THE IMMERSIVE SOUNDS, FROM MAGNASCOPE TO SPLIT SURROUND

Lecture by Jean-Pierre Verscheure

Projections of rare films on 35 mm and 70 mm film, Magnascope process reconstruction, listening to 4 magnetic tracks, Fantasound, 70 mm Split surround, Sensurround, Dolby Surround EX, device presentation!





TWO NEW MAGIC LANTERN AWARDS

From Richard Crangle

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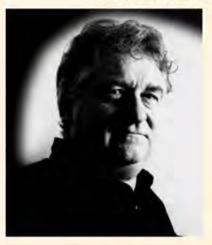
You might have seen this announcement via the MLS Connect e-letter, but I wondered if it would be possible to draw the attention of members of the 'other' Magic Lantern Society to the new awards we're offering in memory of our dear friends Dick and Mervyn?

We'd be most grateful for any publicity you can give this, perhaps in Larry's excellent monthly e-letter. Details are in the attached press release, and also on our Society website at www. magiclantern.org.uk/awards/

Many thanks in advance, and all good wishes, Richard

Richard Crangle Secretary and Treasurer, Magic Lantern Society 17 Dean Street Exeter EX2 4HH U.K.

Two New Magic Lantern Awards





Mervyn Heard

Dick Balzer

The MLS is delighted to announce two new awards to support original work on the magic lantern, lantern slides, and optical projection, in memory of two of the leading lights of the subject.

The Mervyn Heard Award will be made for the best written work, archival research programme or smaller-scale digitisation project.

The Dick Balzer Award will be made for the best project using the magic lantern or lantern slides in a performance or work of art.

Each award comprises a direct payment of £300 to the winner, plus a book of the winner's choice from the Society's catalogue of available publications.

Closing date for submissions will be 17 November 2019. Full details will be in the next issue of *The Magic Lantem*, expected in a couple of weeks, and on the Society website.

Contact Richard Crangle, email awards@magiclantem.org.uk



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Good news from Museo del Precinema Collezioni Minici Zotti

From Museo del PRECINEMA

Collezione Minici Zotti info@minicizotti.it

We are happy to share with you the news about an important recognition, presented to Laura Minici Zotti in conjunction with the Venice Film Festival: the Targa Venezia 2019 award, whose theme this year was "cinema before cinema", in reference to the studies on vision by Leonardo da Vinci, whose 500th anniversary is celebrated this year. The plaque was assigned to Laura for her dedication in divulging the history and magic of Precinema. By clicking on the link below you can see a short video of the presentation.

https://www.youtube. com/watch?v=Mh-dIx6TL-I&feature=youtu.be

We send our best wishes

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Three Condensers with Brass Frames

From Museo del PRECINEMA

Collezione Minici Zotti info@minicizotti.it

Dear Magic Lantern Society, I am looking for three condensers with brass frames for the triunial Magic Lantern (J. H. Steward) or other models with the same dimensions: 4,6 inches diameter and 1,4 inches depth.

Could you publish my request? Thank you very much.

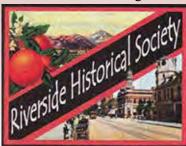
Best wishes, Laura Minici Zotti

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Presentation in OctoberFrom Glenn Wenzel

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Thank you for another good issue. Could you please send me the information on the supplier of LED illuminants made for magic lanterns? I am very interested in converting to LED.



Also if anyone in Southern California is interested, I am giving a presentation on Sunday, October 6 at the Riverside Historical Society (www.riversidehistoricalsociety.org) of early magic lantern slides of scenes of Riverside and area. Information can be found on website.

Glenn Wenzel



Other Organizations of Interest

From Suzanne Wray

gribble@earthlink.net

Just received the latest newsletter-great job as always.

I'll write to the secretary of the International Panorama Council and suggest that the MLS convention be listed in the IPC newsletter (I don't think it has been listed to date), and let Brian Rogers know about that. The June 2019 Epub included information on the IPC's latest publication: it would be good to have both organizations keep in touch, as it were.

Possibly of interest for the next newsletter: AutomataCon conference in May of 2020, no conflict with dates of the MLS convention. The AutomataCon conference has been held every other year for some time now: I believe I've attended every conference. All have been very good. A program from the 2018 conference is attached. The conference is held at the Morris Museum, which has a large collection of automata, some on display and some in storage behind glass, thus visible to museum-goers.

Best, Suzanne

AutomataCon



Announcing AutomataCon 2020! We are pleased to announce that the next AutomataCon will be held May 29-31, 2020 at the Morris Museum in Morristown, New Jersey! More

details, including hotel and ticket information, will be coming soon. (The web site currently contains information pertaining to the previous event held in 2018).

A Big Thank You to the following:

contributing to this months issue.

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Chrissi Wood-Smith
Suzanne Wray

Now it's your turn to share!

Do you have a favorite site or a collection of images you would like to share with the rest of the society?

E-mail Larry





Please note that Sarah has moved to Germany. Her new address is

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Welcome Back Returning Member

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has rejoined - details the same as before

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